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MAIL STOP AF

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Applicant : Toshiya KITAMURA
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MATERIAL FOR USE IN
ALKALINE CELL AND METHOD
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Art Unit : 1745
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Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2003
(Paper No. 23), the term for response to which expires on
December 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application
as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims
which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.